

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 47, 49, 52, and 57 have been amended without prejudice.

The Office Action stated claims 60-64 were allowed.

The Office Action stated claims 49 and 52-57 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 49, 52, and 57 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 53-56 depend from claim 52.

The Office Action stated claims 47, 48, 50, 51, 58, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Swanson et al. (6,113,612). Applicants believe the enclosed amendment renders the rejection moot.

Support for this amendment is clearly found in the application as originally filed. No new matter is presented.

Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. After amending claims as set forth above, claims 47-64 remain pending in the application and are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

A Request for Continued Examination and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement have been filed with this amendment.

If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9867.

Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

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